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In re the application of: Vassiliki A. Boussiotis *et al.*

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Title: *Methods for Inhibiting T Cell Responses by Manipulating a Common Cytokine Receptor Gamma-Chain*

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Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action mailed from the Patent Office on April 18, 2001 (Paper 25). A separate petition for a three-month extension of time is being filed concurrently herewith.

In the claims

Please amend claim 98 as follows:

98. (Amended) A method for inhibiting responsiveness in an anergic T cell comprising contacting said T cell with an agent which prevents or disrupts signaling via the cytokine receptor  $\gamma$  chain such that responsiveness in said T cell is inhibited.